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Via Certified Mail, RRR to all Addressees

Upton Board of Selectmen Upton Municipal Offices; Room 102 One Main Street Upton, MA 01568

Upton Board of Assessors Upton Municipal Offices; Room G06 One Main Street Upton, MA 01568

Upton Planning Board Upton Municipal Offices; Room 101 One Main Street Upton, MA 01568

Upton Conservation Commission Upton Municipal Offices; Room 202 One Main Street Upton, MA 01568

Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation Clinton Field Office; (Evelyn Jimenez, Regional Director) Attn: Mr. Guy LaChance, State Forester 355 W. Boylston St. Clinton, MA 01510

Re: Notification of Conversion of Use of Chapter 61A Property

Landowner: Harvey J. Trask @ 142 Mendon Road, Upton, MA 01568 c/o Joseph C.

Cove, Esq. @ Box 390 in Uxbridge, MA 01569

Parcels: Upton Assessors' Map 29, Parcel 67 and Map 25, Parcel 31 (the "Property")

Conversion of 8.41 acres of a 45.00-acre parcel (AP29/67) and 10.81 acres of a 16.77-acre parcel (AP25/31) for use as Solar Farm.

## Ladies & Gentlemen:

The above-referenced Property has historically been utilized as agricultural/forested land, and is presently classified by the Town's Board of Assessors under the provisions of MGL Chapter 61A. In March of 2015, we agreed with Nexamp, Inc. of 4 Liberty Square, Boston, MA to enter into a long term ground lease of an appropriate portion of the Property for Nexamp's use as a

large scale solar farm (the "Project"), on the condition that Nexamp could obtain the requisite permits and approvals from any and all regulatory entities with jurisdiction over their Project. Final approvals and permits are now in place from the local electric distribution company, from the Town's Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and from other relevant governmental authorities. Consequently, Nexamp has now advised us that they are prepared to commence construction. All parties are aware, of course, that in light of the Property's present Chapter 61A classification and the proposed conversion of 8.41 acres of the 45.00 acre parcel and 10.81 acres of the 16.77 acre parcel, the "Property" to Nexamp's disqualifying use as a large scale solar farm, it is now necessary to file this Notice of Conversion with the above-named Addressees in order to trigger the 120 day option period during which the Town of Upton or its qualified conservation organization or agency can exercise its right of first refusal to pay fair market value for the Property.

This certified letter is intended to serve as the requisite statutory notification to the Town of Upton of our intent to convert 8.41 acres of the 45.00 acre parcel and 10.81 acres of the 16.77 acre parcel, the "Property" to a disqualifying use, i.e.: that of a large scale solar farm. As required by statute, the following information is hereby submitted:

- 1. A statement of intent to convert (provided by applicable provisions of this Notice);
- 2. <u>A statement of proposed use of the land</u> (a fully permitted large scale solar farm, as indicated above);
- 3. The location and acreage of land as shown on a map drawn at the scale of the Assessors' map in the town in which the land is situated (enclosed herewith)
- 4. <u>The name, address and telephone number of the landowner</u> (Mr. Harvey J. Trask @ 142 Mendon Rd. in Upton, MA 01568 c/o Joseph C. Cove, Esq., @ 9 North Main St., Box 390 in Uxbridge, MA 01569, 508-278-6711);
  - 5. A legal metes and bounds description of the disqualifying parcel (enclosed herewith);

6. In the case of intent to convert the land to other use, the name of the landowner's attorney (Joseph C. Cove, Esq., @ 9 North Main St., Box 390 in Uxbridge, MA 01569, 508-278-6711, email: joseph.cove @covehogarthlaw.com);

Because a portion of the parcel currently enrolled in Chapter 61A is being converted to an ineligible use without a sale, it is the Parties' understanding that the Town will have the option of purchasing the disqualifying parcel at its full and fair market value, to be determined by a qualified independent appraiser hired by the Town within the first thirty (30) days after this Notice. Should the Town determine to exercise this option, please have the selected appraiser contact us, as the terms and conditions of the Parties' Ground Lease would at that point in time be not only relevant but essential to a determination of the disqualifying parcel's full and fair market value. It is our understanding that this Notice of Intent would normally trigger a one hundred twenty (120) day Option Period on the Town's part which would begin running on the day following the date of deposit of this Notice in the United States mail. As indicated above, this Notice with appropriate enclosures is being sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Addressees in question and is being deposited with the post office as of the date of this letter.

Because this is a conversion and not a sale of the disqualifying parcel, however, it is our further understanding that absent unexpected contingencies, we should receive notice of the Town's intent to purchase (or not purchase) the disqualifying Parcel for its full and fair market value within thirty (30) days. We expect to hear from you in the not-too-distant future, and we thank you in advance for your prompt and thoughtful consideration.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a Notice of Non-Exercise of Option for your signature.

Yours truly,

Harvey J. Trask By his Attorney

Joseph C. Cove, Esq.

Encl. Plan for Removal of Land from Ch. 61A (2 plans) by Andrews Eng. & Survey, Inc. dated 3/11/16; Notice of Non Exercise of Option.

Cc: Harvey Trask

Chris Clark and Alan Clapp, Nexamp, Inc.

Stephen O'Connell, ASE, Inc.

## NOTICE OF NON-EXERCISE OF OPTION TOWN OF UPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPTON MUNICIPAL OFFICES ONE MAIN STREET UPTON, MA 01568

Re: Notification of Conversion of Use of Chapter 61A Property Land Owner: Harvey J. Trask/ Milford National Bank as Trustee HJT Realty Trust c/o Joseph C. Cove, Esquire

9 North Main Street, P.O. Box 390, Uxbridge, MA 01569
Parcels: Upton Assessors Map 29, Parcel 67and Map 25, Parcel 31
(the "PROPERTY")

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With this notice, the Town of Upton acting through its Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 61A, Section14 gives notice that the Town of Upton will not exercise its option or assign its right to exercise its option to purchase the above referenced property and releases any and all rights to its option to buy and rights of first refusal under Chapter 61A as to the above referenced property.

In Witness whereof, we have caused this notice to be signed in the name of the Town of Upton by its duly authorized Board of Selectmen this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

2016.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.	
On thisday of	, 2016, before me, the undersigned notary public,
personally appeared	, proved to me

through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, oath or affirmation of a credible witness, personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that (he) (she) signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public	
Seal of Notary	
My Commission Expires:	



